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Siemens Earns Governor's Safety and Health Award, Celebrates National Manufacturing Day

Award recognizes more than 1 million hours without a lost-time incident at the Marion facility

MARION, Ky. (Oct. 2, 2015) – In conjunction with an event celebrating National Manufacturing Day today, Deputy Secretary Rocky Comito of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet joined employees of Siemens in the city of Marion to present the company with the Governor's Safety and Health Award. The facility did not have a lost-time injury in more than 1 million work hours across seven years, going back to June 2008.

Kentucky Labor Secretary Larry L. Roberts applauded the accomplishment.

"To go a million work hours without a lost-time incident reflects the outstanding devotion to safety at Siemens in Marion," said Secretary Roberts. "Seven years without a workplace injury, even with a major expansion and the addition of so many new employees, is a safety streak that deserves the highest recognition."

Siemens engineers, manufactures and assembles rail signaling and automation products, such as grade crossing warning lights, bells and gates, for rail lines around the U.S. and worldwide at its 280-person Marion facility. The manufacturing facility also assembles and wires the complex control equipment required for train control systems, wayside signal systems and grade crossing warning systems. The facility has completed a \$2 million expansion, has added 80 jobs over the past five years and plans to continue to grow by adding traffic controller manufacturing operations to the site this year.

“As the largest private employer in Marion, we are proud to demonstrate our commitment to workplace safety,” said Troy Martin, Siemens Marion rail automation plant manager. “We have created an environment and robust safety culture so that our highly-skilled engineering and manufacturing workforce is able to supply advanced rail technologies to customers across the U.S. and beyond. We’d like to extend our gratitude to Gov. Beshear and his team for recognizing our manufacturing facility and celebrating our efforts to keep employees safe.”

In addition to the Marion plant, Siemens has a rail automation manufacturing facility located in Louisville that houses the production of a wide variety of products for wayside signal systems, grade crossing warning systems, and control equipment for train control systems. Siemens employs 280 people at that location.

The first Friday in October is National Manufacturing Day. In August, Gov. Beshear proclaimed October Manufacturing Month in Kentucky, stating that there are more than 4,300 manufacturing facilities in the Commonwealth that employ more than 231,000 Kentuckians. The governor’s official proclamation said manufacturing represents \$3 billion (about 18 percent) of Kentucky’s gross domestic product.

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor’s Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of Siemens, the requirement is 750,000.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

The Governor’s Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Beshear’s efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) last year as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky’s dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky’s successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state’s collective health.

For more on the Governor's Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

About Siemens' Rail, Transit and Mobility Portfolio:

Siemens designs and manufactures across the entire spectrum of rolling stock including commuter and regional passenger trains, light rail and streetcars, metros, locomotives and high-speed train sets. In the U.S., Siemens is providing rail vehicles, locomotives, components and systems to more than 25 agencies in cities such as Washington, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Denver, Salt Lake City, Minneapolis, Houston, Portland, Sacramento, San Diego, St. Louis, Atlanta and Charlotte. Cities also rely on Siemens to provide traction-power substations and electricity transmission, as well as signaling and control technology for passenger rail and transit systems.

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